

### 3.E Poverty

Table 3.E4.—Current living arrangements of persons aged 65 or older, March 1997 <sup>1</sup>

[Based on data from the Current Population Survey (CPS). Civilian noninstitutionalized population; see Technical Note: Poverty Data]

Living arrangement and sex	Population (in thousands)			Percentage distribution			Percent officially poor
	Total	Poor	Nonpoor	Total	Poor	Nonpoor	
Total .....	31,877	3,428	28,450	100.0	100.0	100.0	10.8
Unrelated individuals.....	10,709	2,237	8,472	33.6	65.3	29.8	20.9
Family members.....	21,168	1,190	19,978	66.4	34.7	70.2	5.6
Householder or spouse .....	19,032	1,005	18,027	59.7	29.3	63.4	5.3
Other relative <sup>2</sup> .....	2,136	186	1,951	6.7	5.4	6.9	8.7
Poor by own income .....	949	143	807	3.0	4.2	2.8	15.0
Not poor by own income .....	1,187	43	1,144	3.7	1.3	4.0	3.6
Men .....	13,404	912	12,492	42.0	26.6	43.9	6.8
Unrelated individuals.....	2,735	382	2,352	8.6	11.2	8.3	14.0
Family members.....	10,669	529	10,140	33.5	15.4	35.6	5.0
Householder.....	8,273	350	7,923	26.0	10.2	27.8	4.2
Spouse of householder.....	1,735	106	1,628	5.4	3.1	5.7	6.1
Other relative <sup>2</sup> .....	661	73	588	2.1	2.1	2.1	11.0
Poor by own income .....	224	55	169	.7	1.6	.6	24.7
Not poor by own income .....	438	18	420	1.4	.5	1.5	4.1
Women.....	18,474	2,516	15,958	58.0	73.4	56.1	13.6
Unrelated individuals.....	7,975	1,855	6,120	25.0	54.1	21.5	23.3
Family members.....	10,499	661	9,838	32.9	19.3	34.6	6.3
Householder, no husband present .....	1,655	233	1,422	5.2	6.8	5.0	14.1
Householder with husband present.....	1,305	82	1,223	4.1	2.4	4.3	6.3
Wife of householder.....	6,063	233	5,831	19.0	6.8	20.5	3.8
Other relative <sup>2</sup> .....	1,475	113	1,362	4.6	3.3	4.8	7.6
Poor by own income .....	726	87	638	2.3	2.6	2.2	12.0
Not poor by own income .....	749	25	724	2.4	.7	2.5	3.4

<sup>1</sup> Living arrangements as of March 1997. Poverty status in 1996 as reflected by income of unrelated individual or family money income for year compared with official poverty income criterion for families of appropriate size and composition.

<sup>2</sup> Aged family members who are neither the family householder nor the spouse of the householder. Official poverty classification is based on combined income of all related persons living together. Persons in this group are classified here on the basis of official poverty criteria for family income and on a comparison of their own income with official poverty criteria for elderly persons maintaining their

own households. The hidden poor are other relatives in nonpoor households whose own income is below the official poverty line for unrelated individuals or married couples.

Source: Public use file of the March 1997 Income Supplement, *Current Population Survey*, Bureau of the Census. For a discussion of standard errors of estimated numbers and percentages, see Bureau of the Census, *Current Population Reports*, P-60 series.